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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CONTAINER LEASING INTERNATIONAL, LLC, f/d/b/a CARLISLE LEASING INTERNATIONAL, LLC

Plaintiff

-against-

WETHOLD INTERNATIONAL B.V. and EUROPA WEST-INDIE LIJNEN B.V. a/k/a EUROPA WEST INDIES LIJNEN B.V.

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Container Leasing International, LLC f/d/b/a Carlisle Leasing International, LLC (hereinafter "Carlisle" or "Plaintiff") (currently d/b/a Seacastle Container Leasing), as and for its Verified Complaint against the named Defendants Wethold International B.V. (hereinafter "Wethold") and Europa West-Indie Lijnen B.V. a/k/a Europa West Indies Lijnen B.V.(hereinafter "EWIL") (collectively "Defendants"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the 1. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in that it involves a claim for the breach of a maritime contract for the lease of freight containers used for carriage of cargo on seagoing vessels, and thus falls

under this Court's admiralty and maritime jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1333. The Court also has jurisdiction under U.S.C. §1332 in that it involves a suit between citizens of different states with the amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

- 2. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff Carlisle was and still is a domestic business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of New York with an office and place of business at 1 Maynard Drive, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Wethold was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of a foreign country with an office and place of business at Gebouw Willemswerf, Boompies 40, 4th Floor, 3011 XB Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- 4. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant EWIL was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of a foreign country with an office and place of business at Gebouw Willemswerf, Boompjes 40, 4th Floor, 3011 XB Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- 5. Pursuant to a certain container lease agreement entitled "Agreement on General Terms and Conditions" dated October 7, 2006, and amended by virtue of an addendum dated October 18, 2006, and an addendum dated February 9, 2007, Plaintiff Carlisle, as lessor, and Defendants, as lessees, entered into a maritime contract for the lease of ocean reefer containers which were to be made available to Defendants for use in their ocean cargo carrying service in exchange for Defendants' agreement, *inter alia*, to pay hire for the daily use of the containers.
- 6. Pursuant to the agreement described in Paragraph 5, containers were made available to Defendants who received and accepted them and placed them into their service thereby incurring daily hire charges.
- 7. Defendants are in arrears in the payment of their obligations to timely pay the daily charges for the subject containers, and as of June 17, 2008, there was due and owing the

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sum of \$1,549,858,41 due from Defendants to Plaintiff, no part of which has been paid despite due demand. (Exhibit 1 hereto is a copy of the Statement of Account).

- The failure to pay the hire as outlined above constitutes a breach of the subject 8. contract.
 - Plaintiff has fulfilled all obligations required of it under the subject contract. 9.
- This action is brought to seek recovery of the amounts due under the subject 10. contract and to obtain security in favor of Plaintiff in respect to those claims.
- The claim as pled is without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to amend for additional 11. damages and/or losses, and Plaintiff's election to sue solely for outstanding container hire at this stage is without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under the contracts, at law and in equity to pursue any and all additional remedies as may be available.
- 12. In addition, and pursuant to the terms of the subject contract, Defendants are liable for all reasonable costs and attorneys' fees incurred in the event of a breach, and Plaintiff estimates, as nearly as can be computed, that attorneys' fees and costs to be incurred in connection with this collection effort to be \$150,000.00 subject to amendment in the event additional breaches or further collection effort is necessary.
- Further, and in connection with the attachment sought herein, Plaintiff seeks 13. interest on the contract rate of 18% for a period of two years on the principal sum identified above, for total interest of \$608,164.00. (See Agreement on General Terms and Conditions Clause 2(c)).

Request for Rule B Relief

14. Upon information and belief, and after investigation, Defendants cannot be "found" within this District for the purpose of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Certain

NYDOCS1/306993.1 3 Admiralty and Maritime Claims, but Plaintiff is informed that Defendants have, or will shortly have, assets within this District comprising, *inter alia*, cash, funds, escrow funds, credits, debts, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, accounts, letters of credit, freights, sub-freights, charter hire and/or sub-charter hire, of, belonging to, due or for the benefit of Defendants (collectively hereinafter, "ASSETS"), including but not limited to ASSETS in either of their respective names or for their benefit, at, moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking institutions including but not limited to ABN Amro, American Express Bank, BNP Paribas, Bank of America, Bank of China, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, HSBC USA Bank NA, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, The Bank of New York Mellon, Wachovia Bank, and/or other institutions or such other garnishees who may be served with a copy of the process of Attachment issued herein.

15. The total amount for which an attachment is sought is \$2,308,022.85, as outlined above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- a. That process in due form of law according to the practice of this Court may issue against Defendants citing them to appear and answer the foregoing, failing which a default will be taken against them;
- b. That if Defendants cannot be found within this District pursuant to Supplemental Rule B that all tangible or intangible property of Defendants up to and including \$2,308,022.85 be restrained and attached, including, but not limited to any cash, funds, escrow funds, credits, debts, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, accounts, letters of credit, freights, sub-freights, charter hire and/or sub-charter hire, of, belonging to, due or being transferred from or for the benefit of

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Defendants (collectively hereinafter, "ASSETS"), including but not limited to such ASSETS as may be held, received, or transferred in either of their respective names, or as may be held, received or transferred for their benefit, at or moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking institutions including but not limited to ABN Amro, American Express Bank, BNP Paribas, Bank of America, Bank of China, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, HSBC USA Bank NA, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, The Bank of New York Mellon, Wachovia Bank, and and/or other garnishee(s) which may subsequently be identified and upon whom a copy of the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment issued herein may be served;

- c. That the Court enter judgment against Defendants for the full amount of Plaintiff's claim together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and allow execution in respect of that judgment against any restrained funds; and
- d. For such other, further and different relief as this Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

Dated: New York, New York June 20, 2008

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

State of New York

) ss.:

County of New York)

GINA M. VENEZIA, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- I am a partner with the law firm of Freehill Hogan & Mahar, LLP, attorneys for 1. Plaintiff in this action, I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
- The sources of my information and the grounds for my belief are 2. communications, information and documentation provided by our client.
- 3. The reason this verification is made by an attorney and not by the Plaintiff is because the Plaintiff is a foreign entity, none of whose officers are presently within this Judicial District.

Sworn to before me this 20 day of June 2007

MARTHA L. BROWN Notary Public, State of New York No. 01BR6067399 Qualified in Kings County Certificate Filed in New York County Commission Expires December 10, 2009

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Statement Of Account As of June 17, 2008

Wethold International B.V. Boompjes 40, 4th Floor 3011 XB Rotterdam The Netherlands

Invoice	Contract	Invoice	Invoice	Amount
<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Due</u>
32270	EWIL001A	12/15/2007	1/31/2008	\$143,480.40
32282	EWIL001	12/15/2007	1/31/2008	\$70,910.64
32307	EWIL002	12/15/2007	1/31/2008	\$44,640.00
33543	EWIL001A	1/15/2008	2/29/2008	\$143,480.40
33555	EWIL001	1/15/2008	2/29/2008	\$70,910.64
33716	2331	1/15/2008	2/29/2008	\$58.50
33717	2332	1/15/2008	2/29/2008	\$36.50
33813	EWIL002	1/15/2008	2/29/2008	\$44,600.00
34298	2331	2/15/2008	3/31/2008	\$2.70
34724	EWIL001A	2/15/2008	3/31/2008	\$134,223.60
34735	EWIL001	2/15/2008	3/31/2008	\$66,335.76
34757	EWIL002	2/15/2008	3/31/2008	\$41,695.00
35400	EWIL002	3/15/2008	4/30/2008	\$44,330.00
35841	EWIL001A	3/15/2008	4/30/2008	\$143,480.40
35853	EWIL001	3/15/2008	4/30/2008	\$70,910.64
M0006819	EWIL001A	4/8/2008	5/8/2008	× \$21,960.00
M0006857	2331	4/8/2008	5/8/2008	\$4.00
M0006858	2072	4/8/2008	5/8/2008	\$2.00
36474	EWIL002	4/15/2008	5/31/2008	\$42,770.00
36898	EWIL001A	4/15/2008	5/31/2008	\$138,852.00
36910	EWIL001	4/15/2008	5/31/2008	\$68,623.20
M0007566	EWIL002	5/8/2008	6/7/2008	\$140.99
37389	EWIL002	5/15/2008	6/30/2008	\$44,020.00
37658	EWIL001	5/15/2008	6/30/2008	\$70,910.64
37672	EWIL001A	5/15/2008	6/30/2008	\$143,480.40

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Bank Instructions - Wire Only:

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